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Sea Dogs forward Maxime Villemaire collides with Mooseheads goalie Zach Fucale during the second period of Wednesday night's QMJHL game at the Metro Centre. The Sea Dogs put the boots to the Moose all night long and won the game 6-1. The Moose now hit the road for their final two games of the regular season. RYAN TAPLIN/METRO

Clock ticking on stadium bid

FIFA deadline.

Province, ACOA haven't seen a formal stadium request from HRM

Time is running out on Halifax's bid to hold the FIFA 2015 Women's World Cup of Soccer.

Halifax was granted an extension on the deadline to confirm its bid to be a host city to the end of March on the condition the stadium would be approved with financing in place.

Mayor Peter Kelly said a staff report on the stadium will appear before council on March 27 — four days before the deadline set out by the Canadian Soccer Association.

"We have worked very strong on the stadium file, staff has been going full tilt and we know it's in the inter-

est of the public, and we're trying to do the best we can in terms of getting all the data complete so council can make that decision," Kelly said.

But the premier's office said while there have been a few discussions, there hasn't been a formal business case presented to them.

And the Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency (ACOA) is reporting the same thing: "ACOA has not received a formal request for funding," said Christopher Brooks, ACOA spokesman, in an email.

A spokesperson for HRM staff, which is preparing the report, would not release any details before the report is made public.

HRM put out an expression of interest for corporate sponsors and got about six responses, said Coun. Tim Outthit. But Outthit, and several other councillors, have said without other government

Adding it up

\$350K

HRM has spent \$350,000 on the first two exploratory phases of the stadium proposal.

partners, the stadium will not get their vote.

It's roughly a \$60-million project and HRM has committed to \$20 million.

"There are actually two issues here: one is do we want to respond to FIFA and the other is what are we going to do long-term about a stadium?" Outthit said.

"Just because we can't make the FIFA deadline, doesn't mean at some point it won't mean we won't be building a stadium. My biggest concern is the partners, not the FIFA deadline."

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Getting them back on board

Campaign designed to entice people back onto buses and ferries PAGE 3

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Ontario girl wasn't young enough for accused killer, ex-girlfriend says PAGE 8

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IWK Health Centre

Non-sterilized equipment used during births

The IWK Health Centre says it is contacting dozens of new mothers after discovering that non-sterilized equipment was used in the hospital's birth unit this month.

The hospital says it has identified seven sets of birth-related equipment that were cleaned and decontaminated but not sterilized in a special machine as is normally done.

In a statement, the IWK says it's possible that seven women who gave birth during a six-day period this month received care with the non-sterilized equipment.

However, the hospital says there is a near-zero chance of any illness because the equipment had already been decontaminated.

It says all 64 women who were admitted to the birth unit during the period in question are being notified, but no testing, treatment or immunization will be required.

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Outstanding warrants

Man wanted on HEAT list arrested

Another name on the HEAT list has been scratched off by police.

Nine names of people wanted on outstanding warrants were released by the High Risk Enforcement Action Team in January.

One of them was Jason Kenneth Young, who was wanted for assault. Acting on an anonymous tip, police say they were led to an address on Kennedy Drive in Dartmouth Tuesday night at 8 p.m. Young was arrested there and is scheduled to appear in court relation to four outstanding warrants. **METRO**

Passenger vehicles

N.S. leads in Atlantic car sales

Nova Scotia is revving ahead of other Atlantic provinces for car sales.

Statistics Canada reported new-car sales were up in every province in January. Nova Scotia led the Atlantic region with an 11 per cent increase.

Across the country, new vehicle sales in January rose 15.4 per cent, or 153,623 vehicles. The resumption of supply for certain passenger cars was a significant factor for the growth in sales. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**



A pair of ferries are docked at Alderney Landing in this photo taken on Wednesday afternoon. Regular ferry service is scheduled to resume Thursday morning while the buses roll out on Friday. **RYAN TAPLIN**

Transit's plan to lure riders back

Up and running. Seven-point plan aimed at reminding people transit is still good includes social media



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Now that the six-week strike has come to a close, Metro Transit is hoping to entice people back to the proletariat chariot.

According to an in-camera report delivered to

Halifax regional council on Tuesday, Metro Transit is launching a seven-pronged strategy to bring riders back to public transit after a 42-day hiatus.

The hope is HRM can bring "positive closure" on the issue.

"We understand that people have been inconvenienced, and it's been a fairly long strike, so they may or may not come back right away," said Lori Patterson, spokeswoman for Metro Transit.

"So it's our intent over the next little while to appeal to them."

That includes offering the free public transit for

Municipal advisory

Now that the strike is over, the municipality is advising motorists to stop parking at bus stops. Taxi zones are also returning to normal.

the remainder of March. Metro Transit anticipates the "free" ride will cost approximately \$1.5 million — completely recouped by the approximately \$2.8 million saved over the course of the strike.

The municipality is also launching an advertising campaign to "welcome (rid-

ers) back onboard," complete with a thank-you YouTube clip dedicated to the public.

The mighty power of Twitter and Facebook will also be harnessed to promote transit use.

"Media interviews" also figure into the strategy, the plan states.

In the wake of the 1998 transit strike, ridership dropped approximately four per cent. According to Patterson, a similar dip in the four to five per cent range is expected this year.

Metro Transit expects it will take about a year to bring ridership numbers back to pre-strike levels.

Transit workers. Braced for tough return

If the anger spewed on the internet is to be believed, transit operators are in for a very tough first day back on the job.

Ken Wilson, the president of the Amalgamated Transit Union Local 508, said his members expressed concern over public reaction as early as two weeks into the strike.

"They said, 'What happens when we go back and the public hates us?'" Wilson said Wednesday.

"People told them from the '98 strike it's not going to be as bad as what (they) think."

But he said the fact that public transit would be free for the month should cut down on interactions at the fare box, easing the public — and the drivers — back into normalcy. The fact service is resuming just before a weekend may also be a blessing, Wilson said.

Ferry service is slated to return on Thursday, with regular

bus service resuming Friday.

Metro Transit spokeswoman Lori Patterson said the municipality has a "zero-tolerance" stance when it comes to driver abuse.

"We want to remind (riders), or just ask them, to respect the fact that our employees have a legal right to strike," said Patterson.

"Now we have an agreement in place ... and we want to move on."

ALEX BOULIER/METRO



Ken Wilson **RYAN TAPLIN/METRO**



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Mobile news



Tube riders in London are getting wired in time for the Olympics with free Wi-Fi in the underground subway system during the games. Scan (if you're not underground) for the full story.



On the web

Funny talk after 9-11

Arab-Muslim standup comedy is flourishing more than a decade after 9-11, and the comedian who gained notoriety on the "Axis of Evil Comedy Tour" makes it clear he's trying to do more than just lampoon himself or his people for easy laughs. Watch at metronews.ca/video

Killing. Police waiting for crime-lab results in Oland case, says chief

The chief of police in Saint John says his department hasn't provided the public with any updates in its investigation into the death of a prominent New Brunswick businessman last year because it is waiting for lab results.

Richard Oland's body was found in his office in Saint John on July 7.

Police Chief Bill Reid says the department is relying on third-party laboratories to analyze items the department has seized during its homicide investigation.

Shortly after Oland's death, police searched a home in the Rothesay area and a yacht club, but they wouldn't say whether those searches had anything to do with the businessman's killing.

Reid says it takes time to process items police have seized. "They have to be processed, and then they have to be analyzed," he said. "That takes a long, long time. We have to be patient with the work that third-parties are doing on our behalf."

Oland was a member of the family that owns Moosehead Breweries Ltd., but he left the company in 1981.



Richard Oland

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Funding. Province doles out more than \$600K to help at-risk youths

The province has announced \$614,000 in funding to support a program helping youths stay in school and deal with family problems.

Community Services Minister Denise Peterson-Rafuse says the money is aimed at addressing a gap in services offered to vulnerable youths from the ages of 16 to 20.

The government says community groups across the province will be able to use the money to hire 10 outreach workers to help administer the support services.

Followup

- The program is part of the followup to the 2006 Nunn Commission report that recommended more government and community partnerships to help at-risk youths.

Six organizations will help in administering the program, including the Canadian Mental Health Association.

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Scotsville

Mounties reveal identity of man killed in snowmobile crash

RCMP in Cape Breton have identified a 57-year-old man killed in an off-road snowmobile crash.

Police say Donald John MacMaster of Scotsville died at the scene of the accident near the community on Sunday.

Police haven't said what caused the accident.

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Crime

Officer accused of property damage, assault

A member of the Stelarton Police Service is facing charges of assault and property damage in relation to an incident in Trenton on Feb. 15.

Paul Matthew Cameron had the charges laid against him in Pictou provincial court on Tuesday.

Cameron has been suspended and will appear in court on April 23.

NEW GLASGOW NEWS



Federal NDP leadership hopefuls Thomas Mulcair, left, and Martin Singh, right, listen as MP Romeo Saganash speaks at a debate in Halifax last month.

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Mulcair the next best choice: Singh

Politics. Nova Scotia federal NDP leadership candidate says he's still in it to win it

Martin Singh has made it official: If he can't be the next federal NDP leader, he wants the job to go to front-runner Thomas Mulcair.

The Musquodoboit Harbour pharmacist, a long-shot candidate who's likely to be bumped off the ballot early, announced Wednesday he's urging his supporters to make Mulcair their second choice.

"I am running to win,"



Robert Chisholm

RYAN TAPLIN/METRO

Singh said in a statement posted on his website. "But I also feel that I have a responsibility to indicate to my supporters who I think is the next best choice after me. I have settled on recommending Thomas Mulcair as

my second choice."

Mulcair campaign director Raoul Gebert hailed the announcement, which follows endorsements from two former candidates, Romeo Saganash and Dartmouth-Cole Harbour MP Robert Chisholm, as a sign that "New Democrats of every stripe are uniting behind Tom's candidacy."

"Support from three other candidates in just three weeks — that speaks for itself."

However, rival camps predicted the clumsy manner in which Singh finally tipped his hand may erode the value of his endorsement — or even backfire on Mulcair.

Rival contender Peggy

Nash openly questioned Wednesday whether Singh was acting on Mulcair's behalf recently in mounting "out-of-character" attacks against herself and former party president Brian Topp.

"Things are starting to add up and it's disconcerting," the Toronto MP said in an email. "It is perfectly acceptable for a candidate to express their second choice. The problem is whether or not Mr. Singh is actively helping Mr. Mulcair."

Singh's announcement followed several days of vehement denials that he was working in co-ordination with Mulcair — something rival camps have suspected for months. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Gun, ammo seized after weekend violence

Police say three recent gun-related incidents in North Preston led investigators to search a house on Alex Lane early Wednesday.

At 7:20 a.m. police searched the residence and seized a gun and ammunition. Three males were then taken into custody and questioned by police.

Halifax RCMP spokeswoman Const. Tammy Lobb said they are unsure who is responsible for what, but in-

Undecided

- A decision on charges hadn't been made as of late Wednesday.

vestigations into the three incidents over the weekend led police to the home.

The first was on Friday morning, when RCMP responded to a break-and-enter

where a dog had been shot and killed.

Then Saturday night, a man was approached by three men and assaulted by one of them. Police say a fourth man arrived shortly afterwards and pointed a gun at the victim.

After that incident, RCMP arrested two men and charged one of them.

Then, to complete the weekend, at 3:20 a.m. on Sunday, police responded to a

Clarence Street home that was hit by bullets.

The residence was occupied when the shots were fired, but no one was hurt. RCMP at the time said it appeared to be a form of retaliation.

"All those incidents were being followed up and investigated by the integrated general investigation section," said Lobb.

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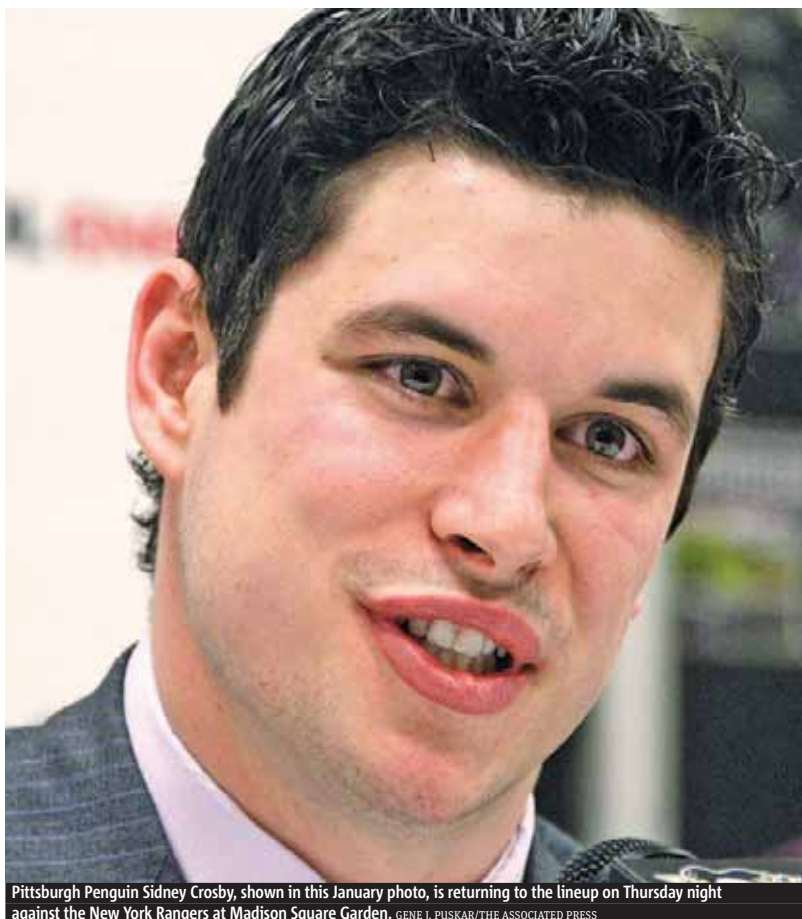
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Pittsburgh Penguin Sidney Crosby, shown in this January photo, is returning to the lineup on Thursday night against the New York Rangers at Madison Square Garden. GENE J. PUSKAR/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Former coaches excited as Sid returns to action

NHL. In his previous comeback, Crosby torched opponent for four points, including two goals



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Brad Crossley knows firsthand the type of competitor Sidney Crosby is.

He also has a good grasp of how difficult the past 15 months have been for him as the pride of Cole Harbour battled through concussion-related issues.

"His desire to return would be something fierce," said Crossley, who coached Crosby for one season with the Nova Scotia Major Midget Hockey League's Dartmouth Subways, and refers to him as a family friend.

"To have this happen to him over the last year, certainly would be extremely frustrating, more so than any of us could imagine."

The eyes of hockey fans throughout HRM and the hockey world will be glued to the TV Thursday night as No. 87 makes his return to the lineup against the Rangers in New York.

The game, being shown live on TSN2 at 8 p.m., will mark Crosby's first game in the NHL since concussion-like symptoms resurfaced Dec. 5 following an eight-game stint.

Crosby has missed a total of 102 games the past two seasons, with the latest layoff lasting 40 games.

"I find myself more worried about his health and longevity than anything else," Crossley conceded. "As a fan, I want to see him back playing ... but first and foremost is his health."

The Penguins say they'll

ease Crosby back into the lineup, with Pittsburgh beginning a stretch of seven games in 11 nights.

Crosby is expected to centre a line with Matt Cooke and Tyler Kennedy, and get time on the power play.

"The hope is it doesn't re-occur," Paul Mason said of the concussion symptoms.

Mason coached Crosby for two seasons with the Cole Harbour Red Wings in pee-wee AAA. He said Crosby's "ultra-competitive" nature has made these past two seasons very difficult ones, because, as he puts it, "it's not just his livelihood, it's his passion."

"But Sid always seems to do more than you expect him to," Mason said in reference to his return against the Rangers. "It wouldn't surprise me at all if he had another two- or three-point night."

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Thursday, March 15:

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(AAB trip request opens Thursday, March 15 at 9:00am)

We sincerely regret the inconvenience caused to our citizens and customers as a result of the strike. It's been a difficult and trying six weeks for everyone; thank you for your patience. The new sustainable contract is affordable to taxpayers, supports efficient transit, and is fair to our employees.

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To welcome our customers back on board, all bus and ferry services will be free from the first day of service through until March 31, 2012.

Extended Use of February Passes

February 2012 passholders will be honoured for lost service through the extended use of the pass during the month of April 2012. HRM will also provide refunds up to March 30 for anyone who purchased a February 2012 transit pass.

For more details on the reinstatement of all Metro Transit services:

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- >> @hfxtransit on Twitter
- >> HRM Call Centre at 490.4000
- >> Transit retail outlets



Gender wars

Some Alberta men say it's OK to hit a woman: Poll

Almost one in 10 Alberta men believes hitting a woman is OK if she makes them angry, says a recent poll.

The Leger Marketing survey also found 40 per cent of the men say women who

dress provocatively risk being raped

According to a report released by Statistics Canada in 2011, Alberta and Saskatchewan have the highest rates of spousal abuse in the country.

The survey of 1,000 Alberta men over 18 also found 14 per cent of those polled agreed that women often say "no" when they mean "yes."

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Animal cruelty

Cat found frozen in a block of ice shocks the SPCA

B.C. SPCA animal-cruelty investigators are looking into a disturbing case of a cat found in a frozen block of ice in Dawson Creek Tuesday.

"I have deep concerns

about the stability of anyone who would do this," said Marcie Moriarty, BC SPCA animal-cruelty investigator.

"The ice block ... was left just a stone's throw away from where we found the corpse of a frozen dog, in a very similar position and in a Tupperware-like container in January last year."

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Politics

Ex-staffer puts panel on hold

Ex-Liberal party staffer Adam Carroll, who quit after claims he posted Public Safety Minister Vic Toews divorce details online, is putting off an appearance before a Commons panel — he's ill.

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Quebec

PQ is choking on halal meat

The Parti Québécois is sounding the alarm over an Islamic food ritual, calling slaughter for halal meat an affront not only to the rights of animals but to values cherished by Quebecers.

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U.S. guards molested us, women say

Legal action. Female officials left three Canadian travellers traumatized at the border, court documents claim

Lawyer's case

"These women were sexually molested at the border and there's no excuse for that."

Thomas Wiener, a U.S. lawyer who is representing the women

Three Canadian women have launched legal action alleging they were molested by female U.S. border guards while attempting to cross the border near Windsor, Ont.

Leslie Ingratta of Windsor alleges two customs and border protection officers took her to a holding cell for questioning when she attempted to cross the Detroit-Windsor tunnel on Jan. 30, 2011, for a shopping trip to the U.S.

The lawsuit alleges officials questioned Ingratta repeatedly and accused her of lying about her reasons for travelling before ordering her to face a wall.

With her arms and legs spread, the officials conducted a search that included putting their hands under her bra and fondling her breasts, as well as grabbing her buttocks and rubbing her genitals, the suit alleges.

She was then taken back to the waiting room, crying and shaking, and told she

was "clear to enter the United States."

"By this point, plaintiff was too traumatized to continue on her trip and returned to Canada," court documents say.

In a second, joint lawsuit two women from Windsor and Milton, Ont., claim they were strip-searched in an inappropriate manner while travelling together across the Ambassador Bridge on March 5, 2010 to attend a music concert.

They allege the guards put their fingers into their anuses and vaginas, and fondled each of their bare breasts "in a prolonged, deliberate manner."

Thomas Wiener, a Rochester, Mich.-based lawyer, who represents all three women, said he believes there could be more victims and is encouraging them to come forward.

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Surgery

Drug shortage putting pressure on hospitals

A drug shortage is worrying anesthesiologists across the country.

They fear they won't have enough drugs for surgery or sedatives and painkillers.

Sandoz Canada cut production of more than 100 medications after U.S. concerns about quality. A fire also affected a plant.

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Dominica

Quebecer on cruise ship dies after snorkelling

A Canadian tourist has died after a snorkelling outing from a cruise ship, say police on the Caribbean island of Dominica.

Yvette Prince, 61, was with friends when she collapsed. She was declared dead at a hospital.

Prince, from Quebec, was a passenger on the Norwegian Dawn.

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Temperatures soar in the 'Peg

A golfer drives a ball Wednesday at Winnipeg's Shooters Golf Course, which opened its driving range in response to the weather usually reserved for late spring, not late winter. The Prairies are currently experiencing a heat wave, with Winnipeg seeing temperatures in the low teens with 22 C forecast for Friday. The city's normal temperatures for this time of year is below 0 C. COURTESY OF CHRIS.DA

Murder trial. Rafferty thought Tori, 8, was too old, McClintic testifies

Eight-year-old Victoria Stafford's killer continued her shocking testimony Wednesday — with a disturbing revelation about her accused boyfriend and the little girl's age.

Terri-Lynne McClintic testified Michael Rafferty — who she alleged Tuesday had raped the little girl — thought Tori was too old.

After she abducted Tori outside a Woodstock, Ont., school, McClintic said, she brought her back to Rafferty's car. He got upset about her choice of a child, she told the court in London, Ont.

"He made a comment that she wasn't young enough," she said.

They drove off with Tori anyway, said McClintic, 21, and the girl kept asking if she could go home, promising not to tell on them.

McClintic is serving life after pleading guilty to first-degree murder in Tori's death. Rafferty has pleaded not



guilty to first-degree murder, sexual assault causing bodily harm and kidnapping.

McClintic also testified she told Rafferty she would "take the fall" for him.

She further told him, "he had a life, a job, things going for him and I was just, I really had nothing," the court was told.

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Answer, please. Feds stalling on what military name change cost us

How much did it cost Canadian taxpayers to rechristen the Royal Canadian Air Force and the Royal Canadian Navy?

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And the value of the move, in the words of Defence Minister Peter MacKay: "Priceless."

But even so, seven months after Ottawa announced plans to change the names of the military's air and maritime divisions, the Defence Department says it still needs more time before it can reveal how much public money has been spent on the move.

Last September, in response to an access-to-information request, the department said it would need 130 additional days to respond.

The department now says it must consult with the Privy Council Office, the bureaucratic arm of the Prime Min-

ister's Office, about possible cabinet-confidentiality issues before disclosing how much it has cost to add the royal moniker.

The department says it is still awaiting a response from the Privy Council on the matter.

During the announcement in August, MacKay was asked repeatedly to explain how much the name change would cost.

"You can put a price on it if you like," MacKay said at the time. "To me, it's priceless."

NDP defence critic David Christopherson says the public has the right to know the costs of a taxpayer-funded initiative to change the military's name.

"If we can't even get this kind of simple information out of the Conservative government, we are royally screwed," he said Wednesday.

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Public outraged over suicide of girl forced to marry her rapist

Morocco. Local law pushed victim to marry rapist to escape prosecution and preserve her family's "honour"

The case of a 16-year-old girl who killed herself after she was forced to marry her rapist has spurred outrage among Morocco's Internet activists and ignited calls for changes to the country's laws.

An online petition, a Facebook page and countless tweets expressed horror over the suicide of Amina Filali, who swallowed rat poison on Saturday to protest her marriage to the man who raped her a year earlier.

Article 475 of the Moroccan penal code allows for the "kidnapper" of a minor to marry his victim to escape prosecution, and it has been

used to justify a traditional practice of making a rapist marry his victim to preserve the honour of the woman's family.

Abdelaziz Nouaydi, who runs the Adala Association for legal reform, said a judge can recommend marriage only in the case of agreement by the victim and both families.

"It is not something that happens a great deal — it is very rare," he said, but admitted that the family of the victim sometimes agrees out of fear that she won't be able to find a husband if it is known she was raped.

The marriage is then pushed on the victim by the families to avoid scandal, said Fouzia Assouli, president of Democratic League for Women's Rights.

In many societies, the loss of a woman's virginity outside of wedlock is a huge stain of honour on the family.

In many parts of the Middle East, there is a tradition

Response

"Amina, 16, was triply violated, by her rapist, by tradition and by Article 475 of the Moroccan law."

Activist Abadila Maaelanyne, in a tweet

whereby a rapist can escape prosecution if he marries his victim, thereby restoring her honour. There is a similar injunction in the Old Testament's Book of Deuteronomy

Morocco updated its family code in 2004 in a landmark improvement of the situation of women, but activists say there's still need for improvement.

In cases of rape, the burden of proof is often on the victim and if she can't prove she was attacked, a woman risks being prosecuted for debauchery.

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Deep sea recovery mission

Rescue workers and divers in Bangladesh on Wednesday pulled scores of bodies from the wreckage of a ferry that sank after being hit by an oil barge, as the death toll rose to 112. The packed Shariatpur 1 vessel, carrying about 200 passengers, capsized in the early hours of Tuesday morning after a collision with the barge in the Meghna river. STRDL/GETTY IMAGES

Walking on water

Jesus ad stokes controversy

Energy-drink maker Red Bull said Wednesday it has dropped an advertisement in South Africa after an outcry from both Christians and Muslims for its portrayal of Jesus Christ.

South Africa's Muslim Judicial Council warned of consequences of "secular extremism" against any religious faith.

The television cartoon implies Jesus walked on water because he had been invigorated by a miraculous energy drink and knew where there were hidden rocks to tread on.

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Punks vs. Putin

Punk singers to remain in jail

A Russian court ordered two female punk rockers to remain in jail Wednesday for praying to the Virgin Mary to deliver the nation from Vladimir Putin at a surprise show.

Five members of the band Pussy Riot briefly seized the pulpit of Moscow's Christ the Savior Cathedral in late February to chant "Mother Mary, drive Putin away."

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Switzerland tour bus crash kills dozens

Death. Some 200 rescuers called to scene of accident after bus slams into concrete wall

A tourist bus slammed head-on into a concrete wall in a Swiss Alps tunnel, killing 28 people, mostly children returning from a ski vacation. Swiss police said Wednesday the vehicle was not speeding and everyone was wearing seat belts.

The bus was carrying students about age 12 from two different Belgian schools when it crashed shortly after 9 p.m. Tuesday night on a highway near the southern town of Sierre, Switzerland.

The horrific accident in the short Tunnel de Geronde left the front of the bus mangled, trapping people inside. Twenty-two school children and six adults including the driver were killed and another 24 children were hospitalized in what the police chief described as a



A woman and child light a candle during a mass held to commemorate the victims of a deadly bus crash in Switzerland, at the Saint-Peters church in Leuven, Belgium, Wednesday. YVES LOGGHE/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

"scene like a war."

Belgium flew anxious parents and relatives to the site and called for a day of mourning.

Authorities were still trying to work out how a modern bus, a rested driver and a safe tunnel could add up to such a tragedy.

A Swiss prosecutor said video cameras in the tunnel captured the accident. Olivier Elsig, prosecutor for the canton of Valais, told reporters the children on the bus were wearing seat belts, no other vehicle was involved and it was not speeding.

Speaking at a news conference Wednesday in Sion, the capital of Valais, he said investigators were looking at three possible causes for the crash — a technical problem with the bus, a health problem with the driver, or human error.

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Earthquake. Japan hit by tremors days after tsunami anniversary

A series of earthquakes rattled Tokyo and northeastern Japan on Wednesday evening but caused no apparent damage or injury in the same region hit by last year's devastating tsunami.

The strongest was a magnitude-6.8 that struck off Hokkaido island and generated a small tsunami. Some communities along the northern Pacific coast advised residents to evacuate coastal homes.

A swelling of 20 centimetres was observed in water at the port of Hachinohe in Aomori about an hour after the tremor, with smaller changes seen elsewhere. The Meteorological Agency lifted all tsunami advisories within about 90 minutes.

About 9 p.m. local time, a magnitude-6.1 quake shook buildings in the capital. It was centred just off the coast of Chiba, east of Tokyo, at a rather shallow 15 kilometres deep.

Narita International Airport briefly closed runways for inspection but later resumed operation. Several local train services were suspended for safety checks.

There were no abnormalities reported at nuclear power plants after the two earth-



Residents flee to safety after a tsunami warning was issued following an earthquake in Ofunato, Iwate prefecture, Japan.

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quakes, operators said. Nearly all of Japan's nuclear plants are offline for safety inspections.

This past Sunday, Japan marked the first anniversary of the massive magnitude-9.0 earthquake and tsunami that left some 19,000 people dead or missing, wreaked widespread damage along the northeastern coast and triggered the worst nuclear accident since Chernobyl. Rebuilding has yet to fully begin in many coastal communities.

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A juicy chicken filet — made in Prof. Fu-hung Hsieh's laboratory.
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Lab-grown meat looks, feels, tastes like chicken

Food revolution.

Biological engineers have succeeded in creating edible meat from stem cells



ELISABETH BRAW
Metro World News

"Let there be animals," said God, and He created chickens, cattle and fish. Actually, it's not God. It's Fu-hung Hsieh, professor of biological engineering at the University of Missouri.

Hsieh makes chicken. That's right: He creates chicken out of nothing — tasty filets that look, feel and taste like the real bird.

"Laboratory-grown meat needs to mimic the appearance and bite of natural meat," said Hsieh. "In the past, researchers haven't been able to recreate the appearance, so consumers wouldn't eat the artificial meat."

But even foodies would have a hard time telling natural chicken apart from Hsieh's new chicken. It's now being produced for use in restaurants.

Hsieh stands at the forefront of a global food revolution. Biological engineers in several countries have recently succeeded in creating edible meat that looks appealing. Earlier this year a Dutch researcher created the world's first laboratory-grown edible hamburger.

"We've made big steps in

How it works:

1 To create an artificial hamburger, steak, or chicken breast, scientists take stem cells from animals and grow them into a 3-D shape.

2 Then they grow the cells into muscle cells. As with natural muscle cells, the cultivated muscle cells "bulk up" into solid muscle bundles.

3 As soon as the muscle cells grow in size, it's important that the tissue is continuously supplied with nutrients.

4 The scientists then create chain ducts, similar to blood veins. "The easiest meat to create is sausage," explains van der Schaft. "It doesn't have to look attractive like a steak."

creating laboratory-grown meat, but the result isn't something I'd eat at this moment," said Dr. Daisy van der Schaft, a biomedical engineer at Eindhoven University in the Netherlands. "Part of the problem is that the gel that binds the cells together contains animal-derived material and actually also material derived from mouse tumors."

Professor Hsieh and his team are now about to create turkey, beef and fish.

"That's very different from chicken," he said. "With fish, especially, you have the additional challenge of replicating many different colours."

If research continues to progress, supermarkets could sell lab meat within the next several years.

Airline workers protest order

Air Canada union workers continued to protest outside government offices in Ottawa Wednesday, after federal politicians imposed an arbitration order that forces the airline to keep flying.

Bill C-33, which passed Wednesday morning, covers about 8,600 mechanics, baggage handlers and other ground crew at Air Canada and about 3,000 pilots.

Labour Minister Lisa Raitt had proposed the back-to-

work legislation on Monday, saying a work stoppage at Air Canada was something the country could not afford. The government had invoked closure on Tuesday afternoon, setting up the final vote in the House of Commons.

But the union representing the mechanics and other workers said Tuesday that the decision to impose arbitration on its talks with the airline eroded labour rights.

International Association

of Machinists and Aerospace Workers executive Daven Ritchie said the bill would "poison labour relations across Canada."

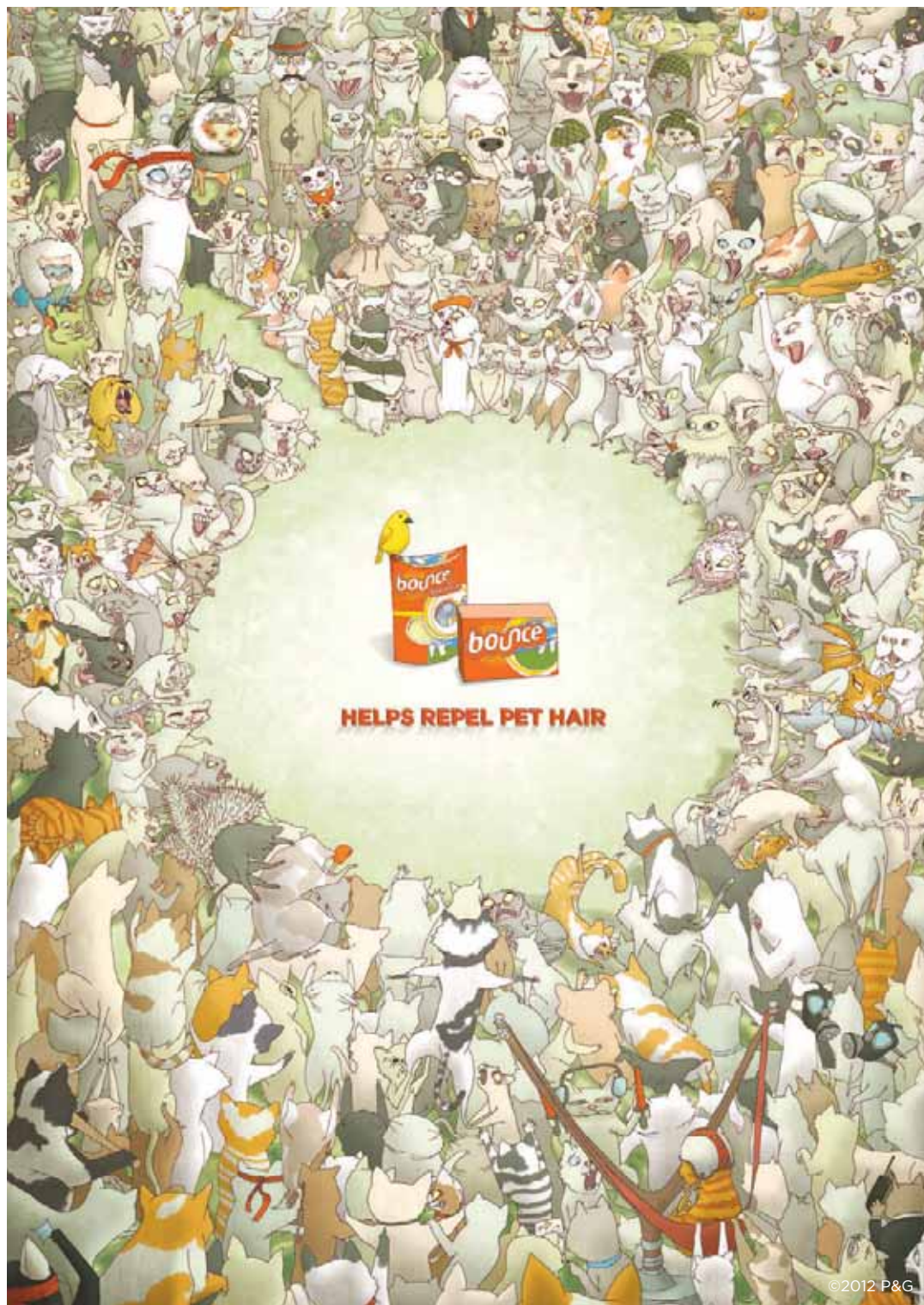
Under the "final offer selection" arbitration process, the union and airline will put forward their best offer and an arbitrator will select one.

The bill now goes to the Senate, where the Conservatives are expected to use their majority for speedy passage.

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Air Canada union workers protest in Ottawa. ADRIAN WYLD/THE CANADIAN PRESS



Proposed bill targets access to Viagra

Men's health. A U.S. senator has put forth a bill that would require men to undergo a medical exam before being prescribed drug

An Ohio state senator says she only wants to look out for men's health — the way men look out for women's — by introducing a bill that would require Viagra users to first get medical exams and affidavits of impotency from their partners.

"This isn't about restricting it," Democrat Nina Turner explained to the To-

ronto Star on Wednesday. "We are purely looking out for men's health and their well-being so they fully understand their options."

By men, she particularly means the conservatives behind the sudden uproar about birth control and abortion in the United States.

"It is crucial that we take the appropriate steps to shelter vulnerable men from the potential side effects of these drugs," said the Cleveland Democrat. "I see birth control, abortion and Viagra as all part of reproductive health."

Bill 307 would require a man who wanted a prescription for erectile dysfunction to "have a long conversation with

Looking out for men?

"The men in our lives generously devote time to fundamental female reproductive issues — the least we can do is return the favour."

U.S. Sen. Nina Turner

a sexual therapist to determine whether or not this is physical or mental," said Turner.

Republican state legislators have used options and risks as their rationale for restricting access to birth control and abortion.

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Bill 307 would restrict access to Viagra. TOBY TALBOT/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Backlash. Principal resigns after anti-gay, anti-abortion assembly

The principal of an Iowa secondary school that allowed members of a Christian rock band to espouse their anti-gay, anti-abortion views while showing students images of fetuses that had apparently been aborted is resigning.

Mike Cooper, who oversees grades 7-12 at the school in Dunkerton, will tender his resignation Monday and remain on the job through the end of the school year, Dunkerton Superintendent Jim Stanton told the Waterloo-Cedar Falls Courier for a story published Tuesday.

Stanton said Cooper's decision is not related to Coop-

Preaching hate

"They told my daughter, the girls, that they were going to have mud on their wedding dresses if they weren't virgins."

Jennifer Littlefield, parent

er's recommendation that the district invite the band Junkyard Prophet to perform at last week's assembly, and said the plan had been "in the works" for nearly a month. "He simply wants to be a superintendent," he said.

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Verdict. Jurors side with parents in Virginia Tech wrongful death lawsuit

A jury on Wednesday found Virginia Tech negligent for waiting to warn students about a gunman during a 2007 campus massacre that left 33 dead.

Jurors deliberated for just 3 1/2 hours before siding with the parents of two students who were killed on April 16, 2007, in the deadliest mass shooting in modern U.S. history.

Their wrongful death civil lawsuit argued that lives could have been spared if school officials had moved more quickly to alert the campus after the first two victims were shot in a dormitory. The massacre ended later in the morning with the deaths 31 more

Award

- The jury awarded \$4 million each to the families of Erin Peterson and Julia Pryde. The state immediately filed a motion to reduce the award. State law requires the award to be capped at \$100,000, but jurors weren't told of the cap.

people, including the gunman, at a classroom building.

The state was the lone defendant in the case, and it argued that the university did all it could with the information available at the time.

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Protesters allowed to stay

Occupy New Haven activists Jillian Tupper, left, and Bernadette DeLuca react to news they don't have to vacate their camp on the Green in New Haven, Conn., Wednesday. A federal judge in Bridgeport granted an injunction that will allow protesters to stay until March 28 while they fight the city's order to leave.

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Murdoch: 'I have not misled Parliament'



News Corp. executive James Murdoch, pictured here during his second appearance before British parliamentarians investigating the country's phone hacking scandal last November. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS / PARLIAMENTARY UNIT VIA APTN

News Corp. executive James Murdoch acknowledged Wednesday that he could have done more to get to grips with the phone hacking scandal that has rocked Britain.

Murdoch's admission came in a seven-page letter written to British parliamentarians investigating the scandal. In it, he repeated his insistence that he didn't know the extent of the illegal behaviour at his now-defunct News of the World tabloid newspaper, saying that the details had been hidden from him by members of his staff.

"It would have been better if I had asked more questions," Murdoch told the House of Commons' media

committee. "However the truth is that incomplete answers and what now appear to be false assurances were given to the questions that I asked."

Murdoch has already appeared twice before lawmakers, who grilled him about what he knew about the scandal and alleged attempts to conceal evidence.

Murdoch was the one who signed off on a substantial settlement to one of the first known victims of the practice. The company's former in-house lawyer has said the payoff was aimed at keeping a lid on the scandal, but Murdoch says he had no knowledge of wider wrongdoing

and was merely following expert advice.

Critics say that Murdoch was either in on the cover up or too incompetent to realize what he was agreeing to, with lawmaker Tom Watson famously accusing Murdoch of being "the first mafia boss in history who doesn't know he's at the head of a criminal enterprise."

In his letter, Murdoch accused his former lieutenants of working behind his back, acting without his authorization, and giving inconsistent testimony. "I have not misled Parliament," he said. "I did not know about, nor did I try to hide, wrongdoing."

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Murdoch's letter

What James Murdoch wrote in his letter to British Parliament about the phone hacking scandal:

- **Hidden.** Murdoch says his staff concealed the extent of illegal activities at tabloid newspaper News of the World.
- **More could have been done.** He says he could have asked more questions.
- **Innocent.** In the letter he writes that he did not try to hide wrongdoing.

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Succession plan

Investors seek Berkshire disclosure

A group of Berkshire Hathaway investors from the AFL-CIO wants to require the company to reveal Warren Buffett's successor.

The union wants to require the company to disclose a written succession plan that includes the criteria for the next chief executive.

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Wireless market. Foreign investment restrictions lifted for telecom firms

Ottawa moved Wednesday to level the wireless playing field by placing limits on the coming wireless spectrum auction and lifting foreign-investment limits on small telecom firms in an effort to boost competition.

Industry Minister Christian Paradis says the new measures will allow new wireless carriers into the market and foster greater competition in the telecom industry after the auction expected next year.

Canada's wireless market is dominated by Telus, Rogers and Bell.

The changes to the auction rules will let at least four companies obtain spectrum in each of Canada's 14 licence areas, effectively making one block available for one of the smaller players.

As well, companies with less than 10 per cent of the telecom market will no longer have restrictions on foreign investment.

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Members of the Renaud family play on their wireless devices as Minister of Industry Christian Paradis makes an announcement in Russell, Ont., on Wednesday. SEAN KILPATRICK/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Wall Street. Goldman Sachs exec resigns with scathing NYT op-ed

An executive director at investment giant Goldman Sachs resigned Wednesday by way of a scathing op-ed in the New York Times, decrying a work environment he described as "toxic and destructive" and where employees systematically try to come up with ways to fleece their clients.

Greg Smith's editorial firebomb is certain to renew debate in the United States about how much Wall Street has truly changed following the widespread financial



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As “pop” “super” “star” Ke\$ha throws her weight (90 pounds) behind the fight against the Atlantic Canadian seal hunt, the question must be asked: Who spoke for the seals before pop culture sucked?

Every year there's some sort of celebrity who clubs us over the head with the message that Newfoundlanders and Maritimers are barbarians for taking part in a tightly controlled hunt of sea mammals (horrors!).

There's been Pamela Anderson, MacGyver, an America's Top Model host, and generally just a cavalcade of Z-listers who need something to do now that there's no such thing as Hollywood Squares.

What the \$#!%!

And this year there's Ke\$ha, trying to \$ave the \$eals, despite an apparent shortage of funds which keeps her from replacing the S on her keyboard.

And this year there's Ke\$ha trying to \$ave the \$eals despite an apparent shortage of funds that keeps her from replacing the S on her keyboard. The irony in this case being that her music can kill surrounding animal and plant life at 100 paces.

All celebrity-bashing aside, there are only a couple of reasons why people care about the seal hunt.

First and foremost, seals are so cute they're basically children's toys with intestines. The acceptability of animal slaughter is based entirely on how adorable a species is. That's why you never see a supermodel on the ice floes promoting the Save the Flounder foundation.

The second reason is that seals are killed for one brief period each year, which by definition makes it news. No media outlet covers the bloody slaughter of cows, chicken and sheep because it's 365, 24-7, and budgets these days don't allow that kind of in-depth reporting.

I feel particularly bad for the cow. It's dopey-looking and is killed by the tens of millions. That's why many celebrities have posed for those Got Milk? ads. Think about that. Famous people pose with the food made for the cows' children smeared on their face, all with a big smile. Barbarians.

If you're a vegetarian, cool, add the seal hunt to the list of things that offend your sensibilities. But if you like steak, chicken or lobster, then you're a hypocrite, and possibly a big, fat one.

I just looked it up, and Ke\$ha is a vegetarian, so I guess she's off the hook. The seal hunt is a heated discussion, but I'm always up for differing, honestly held opinions.

I call a truce, Ke\$ha. If we're ever in Newfoundland at the same time, let's go clubbing.



Ke\$ha, the face of the seal protest.
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Hotdog diplomacy



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Home-court advantage

U.S. and U.K. bond over hotdogs

DAYTON, OHIO. U.S. President Barack Obama and British Prime Minister David Cameron take a break with hotdogs at a college basketball game.

Cameron and wife, Samantha, are on a three-day visit to the United States. A “sports-fan-in-chief,” Obama has his own basketball court in the White House premises.

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Shooter

“It’s fast, it’s pretty fast and furious. It’s hard to follow sometimes exactly who’s done what wrong.”

David Cameron
On the basketball game he attended.

Point guard

“David Cameron is going to teach me the rules of cricket.”

Barack Obama
After Cameron admitted Obama had to explain the rules of basketball.

Three-pointer

Their wives promote health

HEALTH. While the president and prime minister were busy scarfing down unhealthy food, their respective wives — Michelle Obama and Samantha Cameron — attended an Olympics-themed event in Washington, D.C., for kids to highlight the London 2012 Games and Mrs. Obama's anti-obesity campaign.

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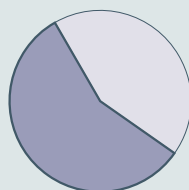
Pamela Anderson doesn't wear fur. She doesn't wear much of anything, actually.
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Saskatchewan's funnyman always had his heart on comedy

Brent Butt. Laughs are the only constant for Corner Gas star who has gone from standup to sitcom and back again



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Taking his career from stage to sitcom, to the big screen and back again, Brent Butt needs to remain in creative forward motion.

The Saskatchewan native had his heart set on comedy at the tender age of 12 and with a notable stand up career, two successful sitcoms, a major award, and a movie in the works, this conversational humorist has proven prairie boys can stand with the best of them.

"Comedy is the only thing that has ever interested me," Butt tells me. "I didn't know if I'd be any good at it but I was going to try."

Butt began his career in the western chain of Yuk Yuk's Comedy. Moving to Toronto in the late 1980s, he began transitioning from a "lone wolf on stage" to collaborating with sitcom writers, which forced him to acquire a separate set of

Tonight

- **Brent Butt.** Performs at the Rebecca Cohn Auditorium at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$35 in advance and \$40 at the door.

comedic skills.

"It's kind of like going from ice skating to parachuting," Butt says in the interview.

In 2004 Corner Gas was born. Running six seasons on CTV, collecting a number of accolades, its success cemented Butt as a comedic writer. After 107 episodes, Butt announced the show would not be continuing.

"I felt that the show had hit its apex and from this point on we were going to eventually start to slide in terms of quality," Butt explains.

"It was time to go back out and take chances."

Two months after the lights went out on Corner Gas, Butt received the Comedy Network's Sir Peter Ustinov Award recognizing his body of work within the comedic community.

Having gone previously to icons like John Cleese, John Candy, and going this year to Chuck Lorre, Butt was truly honoured.

"Just to have your name associated with the [award] that in and of itself would be a lot to digest," he says.



Brent Butt began his career at Yuk Yuk's Comedy. SUPPLIED

Comedic career path

"Comedy is the only thing that has ever interested me. I didn't know if I'd be any good at it but I was going to try."

Comedian Brent Butt

Explaining how he became interested in comedy



SCENE



Scene in brief

Stars join rating fight

Johnny Depp is among the stars joining the call for a lower rating on the documentary Bully. Lee Hirsch's documentary on bullying has been rated R for language. Distributors appealed the decision, but it was upheld by the Motion Picture Association of America. In Canada, provinces that have already rated the documentary have given it a PG rating.

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On the Web



American Idol finalist among top 12 tweets that he's off the show but post is later deleted



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Co-writer/co-directors Mark Duplass, left, and Jay Duplass on the set of their film Jeff, Who Lives at Home, from Paramount Pictures and Indian Paintbrush. HANDOUT

Brothers with the pen and the lens

Q&A. Metro chats with one half of the creative team behind new film *Jeff, Who Lives at Home*



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Filmmaker brothers Jay and Mark Duplass do everything together — write, direct, conduct interviews. So we took it as a rare treat when, due to a scheduling conflict, we got to interview Jay on his own for their new film, *Jeff, Who Lives at Home*.

But if you're looking for simmering sibling tensions, don't get your hopes up. The quieter Duplass Brother passed on the opportunity to badmouth Mark.

Where did the story for this film come from?

We actually wrote a short film in 2003. It wasn't titled anything, we just wrote a very

short film about this character and it was about him in his basement apartment.

It was inspired by the character, someone who is totally obsessed with the concept of destiny, their place in the world, their connection to their destiny, signs leading from one place to the next — potentially smoking marijuana.

And the concept was that we would take this person and thrust them in the world. And actually make them interact with the real world and some point and hopefully it would be funny.

It is funny, but it's also a very realistic, dramatic film.

Now that we have made a few films, we're realizing that a lot of times what we do is we start in on the comedic side of things — and I think that's how we experience characters like Jeff in our own life.

You see a guy like Jeff at the supermarket, you're probably going to tap your spouse and giggle about the guy who is smelling the fruit a little too long.

But you get to know this person — they have dreams, they have hopes and they probably have a dark side. They probably have a really dark side if they are in that position where they're smelling fruit for too long, you know?

Where do you get the ideas for your films usually?

Mark and I have always sat in airports and in our apartments and told each other stories about these really embarrassing, cringe-worthy things that we've done in our relationships or that some friends of ours has done, and we'll be like, "Oh, that's awful."

It's very dramatic. And then we'll start giggling about it. And I now know that that's what we're doing in our movies. We're relating insanely specific and realistic things that happen between people and cringing about it and giggling about after. It's obvious now that that's what Mark and I have uniquely to offer the world, but that was such a painful, long-term process of finding that. We are terrified

of looking out and looking at other filmmakers. We are completely focused on just staying within ourselves and staying within our peer group.

You've been brothers your whole lives, but when did you start creating together?

We've been creating together since Mark was born. We just grew up in a very creative family. We're just kind of from a middle-class New Orleans family, and my dad's a lawyer, my mom took care of us and now she does retail.

But when we were growing up, we baked, we made stained glass out of plastic Mardi Gras beads — and probably contaminated ourselves the whole way through. We did make movies with the giant VCR with the VTR attached, the separate unit. I would carry the camera and Mark would have to lug the VTR. We were in bands together.

So we've always made things and we've always functioned as a unit. You have to put credits up there, but Mark and I just make stuff.

Television. Judd's 'great European adventure'

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Ashley Judd says the decision to return to TV with the spy drama *Missing* didn't come easily.

"There was a lot of hesitation. I was really torn right up until I decided to do it," says Judd, who is best known for such big screen movies as *Kiss the Girls* and *Double Jeopardy*.

"But part of what attracted me to this project was the premise — which was very simple and compelling. I'm a mother looking for her missing child."

Which is true. To a point. In *Missing*, Judd does indeed play Rebecca Winstone, a middle-aged widow who is horrified when her son goes missing while vacationing in Europe.

But when the authorities prove no help, Winstone heads to Europe, where she quickly reveals her past life as a CIA operative who can kick some serious butt when things turn deadly.

"I only get back involved with the CIA so I can find my son. But to my great dismay, I start to get pulled back into that old life."

Missing is also something of an international production with episodes set in such exotic locales like Rome, Paris, Dubrovnik, and Istanbul. The international cast includes Sean Bean, Keith Carradine, and Canada's Lothaire Bluteau.

"We didn't shoot in Burbank. There's very little green screen and minimal interiors," says Judd, who last graced the small screen in the early 1990s with *Sisters*.



Missing, which stars Ashley Judd, premieres Thursday on CTV. HANDOUT

"The whole point is that we're taking North Americans on this great European adventure and making TV for the world."

Judd says prepping for the show's energetic fight scenes involved little more than a few weeks of yoga.

"I have some background in it. And I had an amazing fight choreographer. For whatever reason, I'm good at it. I'm a natural. I like it," she laughs.

Besides acting, Judd has devoted a lot of her time in recent years to furthering her education. She recently completed a Masters in Public Administration at Harvard.

"It's really fun to go back as a grownup with life experience and to look through the course catalogue and think — what do I really want to learn and study?"

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Horse's death puts HBO show on hold

TV. Network to suspend filming with horses on racing drama Luck after third horse fatality

A horse was injured and euthanized Tuesday during production of the racetrack drama Luck, the third death in connection with the series, and HBO agreed to suspend filming with horses while the accident is investigated.

The humane group that oversees Hollywood productions had issued an immediate demand "that all production involving horses shut down."

"We are also insisting that this stoppage remain in full effect pending a complete, thorough, and comprehensive investigation," the American Humane Association said in a statement. It noted that the accident didn't occur during filming or racing.

The animal was being led to a Santa Anita Park racetrack stable by a groom when it reared and fell back Tuesday morning, suffering a head injury, according to HBO. The horse was euthanized at the track in suburban Arcadia, where Luck is filming its second season.

In the series, which was created by David Milch (Deadwood, NYPD Blue) and looks at racing's seedier side, Dustin Hoffman plays a crime kingpin who's scheming to gain control of a racetrack and introduce casino gambling.

During season-one filming in 2010 and 2011, two horses were hurt during racing scenes and euthanized. HBO defended its treatment of the animals, saying it's worked with the American Humane Association and racing industry experts to implement safety protocols that exceed film and TV industry standards.

The American Humane Association's film and TV unit, the group sanctioned and supported by the entertainment industry to protect animals used in filming, called for a production halt at the Santa Anita Racetrack in suburban Arcadia after the second horse's death.

Racing resumed after new protocols were put in place and proved effective, Karen Rosa, the AHA unit's senior vice-president, said in February.

On Tuesday, Dr. Gary Beck, a California Horse Racing Board veterinarian, said he had just examined the horse



Horses race in a scene from the HBO original series Luck. HBO/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Quote

"Three horses have now died and all the evidence we have gathered points to sloppy oversight, the use of unfit, injured horses, and disregard for the treatment of thoroughbreds."

Kathy Guillermo, a PETA vice-president

as part of routine health and safety procedures before it was to race later in the day. The horse passed the inspection, the AHA said.

"The horse was on her way back to the stall when she reared, flipped over backwards, and struck her head on the ground," Beck said in a statement. An attending veterinarian determined that euthanasia was appropriate, he said.

Dr. Rick Arthur, medical director of the state racing board, said such injuries occur in stable areas every year and are more common than thought. A necropsy will be conducted, he said, which is routine with all fatalities at racing board enclosures.

An American Humane Association safety representative was at the track when the accident occurred and "as always, all safety precautions were in place," HBO said in its statement that said it was "deeply saddened" by the horse's death and was working with the AHA on its inquiry. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

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Case closed ... Gillian Anderson admits to having lesbian affair

X-Files star Gillian Anderson confirms to Out magazine that she's no stranger to same-sex romance.

"I was in a relationship with a girl for a long time when I was in high school," the 43-year-old actress says, adding that she had additional flings with other women.

"You know, I'm old enough that I can talk about that." Anderson acknowledges that the dalliances might have had a bigger impact on her had they played a bigger role in her romantic life.

"If I had thought I was 100 per cent gay, would it have been a different experience for me?" she wonders.

"It's possible that my attitude around it came, on some level, from knowing that I still liked boys."



Gillian Anderson GETTY IMAGES

Lawrence tried to squash beef before it became an issue

Jennifer Lawrence isn't in a hurry to make any enemies in Hollywood, so when a tabloid story suggested she was feuding with Twilight star Kristen Stewart, the Hunger Games star did everything she could to quash it before it kicked off.

"There were all these like, fake quotes from me that were actually hilarious. Some of them were from my 'pal' and 'sources,'" Lawrence tells Access Hollywood.

"Then I was like, 'Oh my God. If she reads this, what if she thinks it's true?' I just shot her an email, and was like, 'Hey, can't wait to see more as this feud unfolds!'"

Stewart, no stranger to being tabloid fodder, took it in stride.

"She wrote me back," says Lawrence. "She was like, 'It's fine. Welcome to the world where everything you say gets turned into (something it's not).' So, she understood."



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LiLo watch



Lohan could see a hit and run charge



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It's been, what? A hot minute since Lindsay Lohan hasn't been in trouble with the law?

Her days-long winning streak is seemingly coming to an end after allegedly hitting a man with her brand new black Porsche and fleeing the scene in Hollywood late Tuesday night, according to TMZ.

Lohan was reportedly trying to execute

a three-point turn and avoid paparazzi while leaving a nightclub when her car made contact with the manager of a nearby hookah lounge.

The manager, whose knee was supposedly grazed, initially said he was fine and didn't need medical attention, according to paparazzi on the scene. But when he was informed that Lohan was behind the wheel, he reportedly began complaining about being injured.

The man was taken to the emergency room and is said to be considering hiring a lawyer and pressing charges.

Police sources tell the website that they will open a hit-and-run investigation if the man decides to press charges.



Katy Perry ALL PHOTOS GETTY IMAGES

Tell-all book could net Perry a multi-million dollar payday

Katy Perry has reportedly been flooded with offers to write a tell-all book about her divorce from Russell Brand, with one publisher offering \$3.1 million for the story, according to the Sun.

There's no word on whether she's considering the offer, but some speculate that her

recent silence seems suspect.

"When everything was going well, Katy couldn't stop talking about him," a source notes.

"Since the split, neither of them have said anything — keeping the price of a deal high."

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KENYA HUNT

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The decorated waist

Inhale and hold. The waist was a major focal point for the fall shows.

Burberry Prorsum highlighted it with little bows, Etro played it up with horsey harnesses and peplums, while Fendi and Acne cinched it with wide, sculpting belts. This is probably the easiest idea to adopt now. Simply grab a ribbon and tie it around any one of spring's trendy, lady-like dresses.

Clothes you can breathe in

Despite all the nipped and cinched waists we've seen all month, there was also an overall no-squeezing-required easiness to a lot of the clothes designers showed for fall.

Basically, you don't have to have the perfect body to pull them off.

Think relaxed and slouchy trousers (as seen at Balenciaga, Dries van Noten and Proenza Schouler, to name a few) and skirts that are forgivingly full and knee length (Marc Jacobs, Rodarte and Rochas are good examples).

So go ahead and eat the bun that came with that hamburger.

Huge problems

"Steer clear of any garment that looks like it could eat you for lunch or take up its own seat on the subway unless you are a fashionista with the most advanced degree."

Kenya Hunt, Metro World News

NEXT FALL

Dark and moody

The darker the colour, the more on-trend you'll be next fall. Burgundy, oxblood and purple were the colours of the season in New York and London showing up everywhere from Diane von Furstenberg to Jason Wu to Christopher Kane.

And black dominated Milan and Paris — just look at Gucci, Alberta Ferretti, Roberto Cavalli, Givenchy and Yves Saint Laurent for proof. You get extra points if you go dark from head to toe à la Rooney Mara, the most referenced girl of the month. But we suggest holding off until September before you start rocking this look. The Girl With the Dragon Tattoo goth thing can get a little hot and sweaty in spring.

Look-at-me outerwear

Technically, every autumn/winter show is an outerwear show.

Coats and jackets are one of those items that women rarely skimp on, so designers like to give plenty to choose



Diane von Furstenberg / GETTY IMAGES

from here.

That said, the outerwear reached new heights when it comes to fabric innovation and embellishment — that's a good thing when you consider that the winter coat is the only thing a person really sees on the street in winter.

Our votes for season's best goes to Prada (decorative and ornamental), Alexander Wang (slick, sleek and urban) and Jil Sander (soft, chic and romantic).

NEVER

Anything that appears to swallow you whole

Outsize coats and dresses are having a moment again thanks to Marc Jacobs and Comme des Garçons. But word to the wise: steer clear of any garment that looks like it could eat you for lunch or take up its own seat on the subway unless you are



Fendi / GETTY IMAGES



Jeremy Scott / GETTY IMAGES

a fashionista with the most advanced degree.

Animals appearing 2D and 3D on clothing

Jeremy Scott attached a giant white unicorn to a black evening dress. And Jean-Charles de Castelbajac affixed life-size toucan heads to the shoulders of tweed suits. But unless your name is Lady Gaga, neither of these looks will go over well in the day-to-day.

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Style file

Five more ubiquitous ideas

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A couple of utilitarian decor myths: It's a cold, masculine look best suited for Alpha males — not true. CONTRIBUTED

Stripped down style isn't just for bachelors and serial killers

Utilitarian decor.

More of us are embracing this style of decor for its clean simplicity. It's all about being understated.

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The utilitarian look doesn't have to resemble a vacant factory floor. We spoke to designer Adrienne Chinn about making hard-edged feel homely.

Putting your interior faith in the utilitarian look has a similar ring to that of joining a particularly strict religious sect. In other words, it sounds spartan, clinical and practical, with little room for creative expression and individualism.

Of course, that's not the case, it being an increasingly popular trend among urbanites. The reason for peoples' conversion to the pared-down look is "because more people are buying properties in buildings that

were once warehouses, pubs or other commercial spaces — the style works well in large, open spaces with an industrial feel," explains Chinn.

No cost to comfort

You might be going for a lo-fi style but that doesn't mean your apartment has to be the interior equivalent of a hair shirt. "It's important to incorporate comfort into a utilitarian style," says the design director of Adrienne Chinn Design. "Put up custom-sized industrial landscape wall coverings next to brick walls or concrete flooring for some graphic color. Dress large windows with some full-length silk curtains. The trick is to add tactile comfort with a utilitarian edge in the design."

Streamline with lines

Meticulously spic-and-span flats can read a little obsessive-compulsive, but the interiors expert sees it differently. "It's a clutter-free, edgy and modern look. Build in handle-less cupboards to stow away your stuff or bring in locker-style cupboards for a streetwise element," says Chinn. She adds, "It's perfect

for the bachelor, the couple, or for a young family (lots of room to run around the flat). I've even known a couple regularly roller-skate around their industrial space."

Low-stress living

You don't have to be the fastidious type either, claims Chinn, aside from keeping your place tidy: "Floors are normally wood, tile, concrete or poured resin, which are easy to keep clean. However it's important to include area rugs to soften the edges of the look."

Old meets new

Just because you live in a period property doesn't mean that your decor has to remain a relic of the past. The expert says, "You can bring elements of the utilitarian look into older properties. Streamlined sectional sofas and modern lighting look great with an old Persian carpet, modern art against a white wall and original architectural features like fireplaces and cornices all juxtapose superbly. It's all a matter of balance."

Keep it quirky

There's absolutely no need for a stripped-down style to appear bland.

- **Be original, baby.** "Layering textures, such as leather and chrome furniture with long silk curtains, textural or graphic feature walls, will give your space some style clout," describes Chinn. "Mix edgy items with some distressed older pieces like modern dining chairs around a rustic farmhouse table." After all, it's the unexpected details that keep style original.

Let there be light

Industrial looks tend to evoke darkness and a masculine harshness, so it's important to flood the room with light as the designer reveals. "Good light, both natural and electric is vital for the look to work. Try adding decorative accent lighting along with hidden lighting to keep the room feeling airy and not oppressive."

A dash of creativity results in a delicious – and healthy – dish

Fish. If you think healthy eating only consists of bland salads, think again. This recipe boasts a tasty pepper sauce

The soft meatiness of colourful pistachios contrasts with the crisp garlic crust of the fish. Choose catfish, tilapia, haddock or cod fillets.

1 In a shallow dish, combine bread crumbs, pistachios, garlic and pepper.

2 In another shallow dish, whisk together egg white and mustard. Coat fish fillets with mustard mixture and coat in bread crumb mixture.

3 In a large ovenproof non-stick skillet, heat 10 ml (2 tsp) oil; cook fish on medium-high heat for 2 minutes. Turn over and place in a 220 C (425 F) oven for about 8 minutes or until fish flakes when tested with a fork.

4 Meanwhile, in a small non-stick skillet or saucepan, heat 5 ml (1 tsp) oil over medium heat and cook onion and parsley for about 5 minutes or until softened.

5 Add peppers, broth and honey and bring to a simmer. Simmer for about 2 minutes or until some of the broth has evaporated.

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In brief

Cross check costs Sea Dogs' Saab

Halifax native Ian Saab of the Saint John Sea Dogs will serve an eight-game suspension for cross-checking Shawinigan Cataractes defenceman Dillon Donnelly in the face on March 11. League disciplinarian Raymond Bolduc said the fact that it was not Saab's first infraction and that Donnelly was injured on the play were considered in his decision. The suspension will carry into the playoffs. The 20-year-old defenceman has two goals and seven assists in 52 games along with 164 penalty minutes, second in the QMJHL.

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Sea Dogs sniper Danick Gauthier, left all alone in front, puts the puck past diving Mooseheads goalie Zach Fucale on a rebound for the first goal of the game Wednesday at the Metro Centre. Saint John won 6-1. RYAN TAPLIN/METRO HALIFAX

Herd's home finale spoiled by Sea Dogs

QMJHL. Mooseheads outclassed as Saint John makes QMJHL history before sellout crowd at Metro Centre



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The Saint John Sea Dogs don't need favours from anybody, but got plenty from the Halifax Mooseheads on Wednesday and took full advantage.

The Mooseheads, playing in front of a sold-out crowd of 10,595 at the Metro Centre, committed turnover after turnover against the Canadian Hockey League's No. 1-ranked squad and met a predictable fate in a 6-1 loss.

The Sea Dogs, last year's Memorial Cup champion, made QMJHL history with the win, clinching first overall for the third straight season.

"We weren't playing the way we can and we didn't

Dominated

"We weren't taking care of the puck tonight. Little things that made a big difference."

Brent Andrews
Halifax Mooseheads centre

show them we can play with them," said Mooseheads centre Brent Andrews. "We got caught watching a lot of the game and gave them too much credit instead of believing in ourselves and knowing we could beat them."

Added defenceman Trey Lewis: "We were watching them play too much, like we were intimidated."

Danick Gauthier, left wide open in front, buried his 45th of the season in the first period to put Saint John up 1-0 after 20 minutes. First star Ryan Tesink scored back-to-back goals in the second period — one on a shorthanded breakaway and another on a nice shot from the slot — to make it 3-0.

Although Alexandre Grenier briefly gave the Mooseheads life with a goal

at 2:52 of the third, Florida Panthers first-rounder Jonathan Huberdeau responded just 78 seconds later to restore the lead and the Sea Dogs potted two more to seal the win.

Saint John dominated from start to finish, outshooting the Mooseheads 44-18 and finishing with 24 dangerous shots. Turnovers were to blame.

"They killed us," Lewis said. "That's a team you can't turn the puck over to. You might get away with it against other teams, but the Sea Dogs have so much skill, they're going to capitalize."

Rookie goaltender Zach Fucale ended up getting pulled after stopping 33 of 38 shots, but he was easily the Mooseheads' best player.

"We left him out to dry," Lewis said. "He's only 16

Post-season undecided

The playoff picture is still fuzzy for the Halifax Mooseheads.

- **With two games remaining** in the regular season, they sit sixth overall in the QMJHL standings with a two-point edge on the seventh-place Rimouski Oceanic and a three-point edge on the eighth-place Chicoutimi Saguenéens.

- **If the playoffs started Thursday**, the Mooseheads would face the 11th-place Moncton Wildcats in the first round.

years old and he faced close to 40 shots and you can't blame him. That's completely on us."

Backup Marc-Olivier Daigle got some rare ice time in the third, stopping five of six shots.

The Mooseheads (38-22-6) play their final two games of the regular season on the road, visiting the Bathurst Titan on Friday and the P.E.I. Rocket on Sunday.

Mooseheads awards



Konrad Abeltshauser won two team awards on Wednesday.

RYAN TAPLIN/METRO FILE

Pair of rookies rule the day

Zach Fucale cleaned up the Halifax Mooseheads' annual team awards.

The 16-year-old rookie goaltender walked away with four trophies, sharing both MVP and rookie-of-the-year honours with fellow freshman Nathan MacKinnon in a post-game ceremony on Wednesday.

Fucale, the 11th overall pick in last June's draft, didn't stop there, winning the coveted fans' choice award and taking home academic player of the year.

The Rosemere, Que., native solidified the Mooseheads' crease situation after second-year stopper Anthony Terenzio went down with a concussion in November. In 55 starts coming into Wednesday's game, Fucale was 31-17-5 with a 3.18 goals-against average and a .890 save percentage.

MacKinnon, selected first overall last June, had 30 goals and 46 assists for 76 points in 55 games prior to Wednesday and set a franchise record for points by a 16-year-old rookie.

It's the first time in franchise history a player aged 16 has won or co-won the MVP award.

"It's just unreal to think these guys are only 16 years old," said Mooseheads defenceman Trey Lewis, who was named co-winner of the hardest-working player award along with winger Darcy Ashley.

"Zach's already a top goalie in the league and Nathan's already a top player in the league, and it's just crazy to be a part of."

Defenceman Konrad Abeltshauser, a San Jose Sharks draft choice, was named the team's top defenceman with 43 points in 54 games entering Wednesday night. He also picked up the award for community involvement.

Defenceman Sawyer Hannay, a Vancouver Canucks draft choice who is out with a concussion, was named most improved player, while centre Brent Andrews was named top defensive forward.

Veteran captain Cameron Critchlow was named unsung hero, and winger/defenceman Travis Randall, in his fifth season with the Mooseheads, received the award for sportsmanship, dedication and commitment. **METRO**

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'Pep' has Rainmen focusing on present

NBL. Rainmen hoping to advance to NBL Canada final with win over Kebs on Thursday at 7 p.m. at Metro Centre



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Last Josep 'Pep' Claros checked, the Halifax Rainmen had not yet qualified for the National Basketball League of Canada final. But he's getting the distinct impression others think differently.

"Everybody seems to think we're already in the final — all I know is we only have one win," said the Halifax Rainmen head coach, whose team leads the Quebec Kebs 1-0 in the best-of-three semifinals.

"It's very important for the players, and everybody

else, to understand that in the playoffs, anything can happen. They're a good team and they're coming here to fight."

The odds are certainly in Halifax's favour with Game 2 set for Thursday at 7 p.m. at the Metro Centre. After Saturday's 96-87 win in Quebec on Sunday, the Rainmen have beaten the Kebs in six of seven meetings. They also have a rock-solid 14-2 record under their own roof, with their only home losses coming against the league-leading London Lightning.

But Claros doesn't care much about the odds.

"I know the (home) record is not bad, but this is the past," he said. "We lose two in a row, we are out. All I know is Quebec is going to be a really difficult game and I hope we all understand that."

If necessary, Rainmen would also host Game 3 on Friday at 7 p.m. The winner faces London in the final.

Awards

London's Freeman named NBL MVP

Gabe Freeman of the London Lightning has been named the NBL Canada's inaugural MVP.

The six-foot-seven forward led the league with 12.5 rebounds per game and finished third in scoring with a 17.9 points-per-game average. He also made the first all-star team and the first all-defence squad.

Three members of the Halifax Rainmen were honoured, with forward Lawrence Wright making the first all-star team and forward Tyrone Levett cracking the second team. Levett also made the first all-defence team and Rainmen guard Joey Haywood was named to the second all-defence team. **METRO**



Rainmen guard Justin Johnson. RYAN TAPLIN/METRO FILE

GMs ponder Pittsburgh power surge in the East



Sidney Crosby's return adds one of the game's best to an already formidable Penguins lineup. JUSTIN K. ALLER/GETTY IMAGES FILE

There were a few jealous glances cast toward Pittsburgh GM Ray Shero.

News of Sidney Crosby's impending return to the Penguins lineup left Shero's colleagues wondering how much tougher the path to the Stanley Cup has become as they gathered in Florida for the NHL's general managers' meetings in Boca Raton, Fla.

"They're obviously, I think, the best team in the league," New York Rangers GM Glen Sather said Wednesday after the meetings wrapped up. "With him back, it's certainly going to make it a lot more difficult."

Crosby is scheduled to see his first action since Dec. 5

Murray reacts



Ottawa Senators GM Bryan Murray on the return of Sidney Crosby.

"I hope he doesn't play against us (in the playoffs)."

when Pittsburgh (42-21-5) visits the Rangers on Thursday night. New York (44-18-7) is currently the top seed in the Eastern Conference, six points up on the Penguins.

However, Crosby is rejoining a Pittsburgh team that has won nine straight games and appears to be peaking just

before the start of the playoffs. Adding the best player in hockey to that mix is a scary thing for opponents.

"It's not like they needed help," said Philadelphia Flyers GM Paul Holmgren.

Not only does his team face the Penguins three times before the end of the regular season, they are also possible first-round opponents.

"Obviously, Pittsburgh over the last couple of years have been a tremendous team," Holmgren said. "There was a period of time last year where they had Sidney and Evgeni (Malkin) out and they still continued to march along."

Crosby's absence dates back to January 2011, when he sus-

tained blows to the head in consecutive games and was diagnosed with a concussion. He returned to the Penguins' lineup in November before suffering a setback in December that was linked to a soft tissue neck issue.

While acknowledging that his team found it easier to face Pittsburgh without Crosby, New Jersey Devils GM Lou Lamoriello indicated that seeing No. 87 back will be a welcome sight.

"It's great that he's back," said Lamoriello. "He's certainly not only a great player, but he's a great personality in the game. He represents the game as well as anybody represents the game." **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

AUS basketball. Taussig gets his shot with Huskies

After waiting in the wings for eight years, Jonah Taussig is now running the show for the Saint Mary's Huskies men's basketball team.

Taussig, a former star point guard for Saint Mary's, was named head coach of the Huskies on Wednesday following the retirement of Ross Quackenbush after 23 years.

The Halifax native has been a faithful assistant to Quackenbush since 2004. During his playing days, he was a two-time all-Canadian who captained the Huskies to their last national championship in 1999.

"I've loved being a part of the Huskies basketball program as a player and as an assistant coach," Taussig said. "I'm thrilled to continue in my new role as head coach."

Quackenbush gave Taussig a ringing endorsement, calling him "incredibly competitive" and crediting him for his "great work ethic," a "great mind for the game."

The Huskies were 9-11 last season and lost in the Atlantic University Sport semifinals. They last won a conference title in 2008.

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NFL

Lions go all out to sign Johnson

The Detroit Lions have signed wide receiver Calvin Johnson to an eight-year contract worth up to \$132 million, the biggest deal in NFL history.

The player's agent, Bus Cook, said the contract announced Wednesday is worth \$60 million guaranteed.

Johnson's deal tops the one given to receiver Larry Fitzgerald of Arizona last year — an eight-year deal that could pay him as much as \$120 million.

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MLB

Encarnacion powers Blue Jays over Yankees

Edwin Encarnacion hit two home runs for the Toronto Blue Jays in a 7-5 victory over the New York Yankees in spring training action on Wednesday in Dunedin, Fla.

New York pitcher Freddy Garcia sustained a bruised right hand in the fourth inning Wednesday when he was hit by a comebacker off the bat of Encarnacion. He was immediately taken to an orthopedic surgeon in Tampa where X-rays were negative. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

NHL. Europe games axed with labour unrest ahead

Uncertainty surrounding the NHL's collective bargaining agreement has prompted the league to call off next fall's games in Europe.

A senior league source confirmed Wednesday that the season-opening overseas games have been cancelled. With the collective bargaining agreement set to expire Sept. 15, there is no guarantee there will be games to be played.

So as the NHL's general managers wrapped up three days of meetings in Boca Raton, Fla., preaching "business as usual", that isn't entirely the case.

Overseas over with

2007

Next season will be the first since 2007 that the NHL won't kick off the regular season overseas.

"The CBA that we currently have is in effect until Sept. 15 and we told clubs to continue to operate under the CBA," said commissioner Gary Bettman.

To date, there has been no formal bargaining between the league and NHL Players' Association. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

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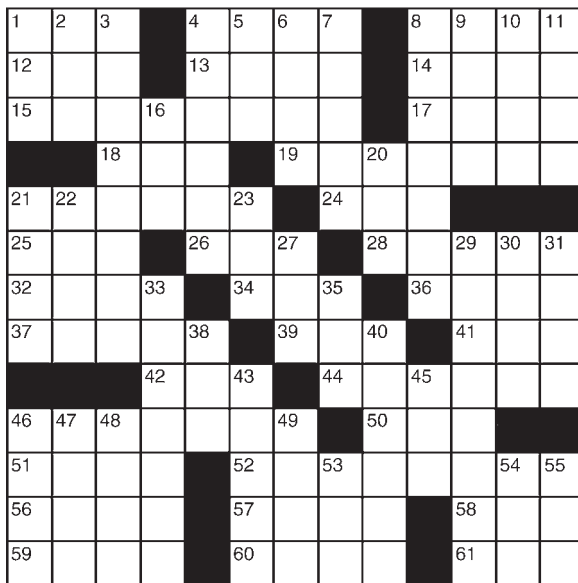
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13 Decorative case
14 Unsightly
15 Relinquish the throne
17 Smile
18 Squid squirt
19 Big-time operator?
21 19-Across, e.g.
24 Chart format
25 "Eureka!"
26 Run-down horse
28 Financial advisor Suze
32 Teeny bit
34 Deviate off course
36 Antitoxins
37 Dickinson output
39 Space
41 Water barrier
42 Suitable
44 Literary comparison
46 Last major battle site of WWII
50 Lobbyists' org.
51 Actress Sorvino
52 Suggest
56 Greatly
57 Dazzle
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Down

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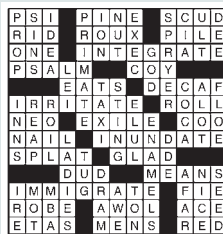
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21 Moist
22 Canton's place
23 Shaft of light
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31 Appellation
33 Spring (from)

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Horoscope

♈ Aries | March 21 - April 20.

Don't expect rivals to play fairly but that's OK because you have no intention of playing fairly either!

♉ Taurus | April 21 - May 21.

Let others know what is on your mind. You should really be this direct more often.

♊ Gemini | May 22 - June 20.

You are in an impulsive mood at the moment and common sense is unlikely to be a factor in your thinking. Don't gamble your rep.

♋ Cancer | June 21 - July 22.

Put your own needs first today and ignore those who say you should be more careful. Be more adventurous — all the time!

♌ Leo | July 23 - Aug. 22.

It's not like you to have doubts but something is tormenting you more than it should. Focus on the positive.

♍ Virgo | Aug. 23 - Sept. 22.

If you act on every piece of advice you get today, you won't get much done. You might as well ignore it.

♎ Libra | Sept. 23 - Oct. 22.

Assert yourself today and let colleagues and employers know you have what it takes to earn a promotion. Shine bright.

♏ Scorpio | Oct. 23 - Nov. 21.

You may have big plans but do they stand a realistic chance of success? That is the question.

♐ Sagittarius | Nov. 22 - Dec. 21.

Today is decision day as far as a work-related matter is concerned. Make your choice.

♑ Capricorn | Dec. 22 - Jan. 20.

You will be in a fault-finding mood today. You just can't keep from pointing others' mistakes.

♒ Aquarius | Jan. 21 - Feb. 18.

Look for time-saving and energy-saving shortcuts today — there's plenty of them waiting to be used.

♓ Pisces | Feb. 19 - March 20.

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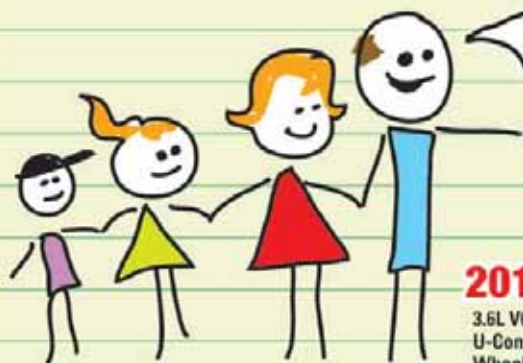
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